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The 1,024 newly minted second lieutenants of the U.S. Air Force Academy Class of 2013 toss their hats in the air as the Texas Flying Legends Museum, based out of Ellington Field, Texas, and the National Museum of World War II Aviation, based in Colorado Springs, provide graduation ceremony flyby support at the Falcon Stadium May 29.

## Class of 2013 ... dismissed!

By Don Branum  
Academy Spirit staff writer

A total of 1,024 cadets graduated from the Air Force Academy May 29 following a commencement address by Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley.

Donley congratulated the graduates on overcoming the stringent physical and mental challenges they faced through their four-year Academy experiences.

“Getting into the Academy is a highly competitive and selective process, and members of this class entered with some of the highest aptitude scores in the Academy’s history,” Donley said. “Our country has invested in your talent and your promise. We expect you to continue to excel in your Air Force careers.”

Graduates also overcame an H1N1 virus outbreak during Basic Cadet Training in 2009 and the Waldo Canyon Fire in 2012. Donley said the Air Force will rely on the newly-minted lieuten-

ants to adapt to a future that will include reduced budgets, instability in several parts of the world and other unforeseeable challenges.

“You are entering our Air Force at an extraordinary time,” Donley said. “Air Force capabilities are in high demand. Although military operations in Iraq are complete, and operations in Afghanistan are drawing down, instabilities still persist. We expect Air Force capabilities to remain central to our nation’s security in the years

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## Volunteer aviators salute Academy grads with vintage flyover

Armed Forces News Service

Airmen with the Texas Flying Legends Museum and the National Museum of World War II Aviation flew their vintage fighters and bombers over the Academy’s graduating Class of 2013, May 29 at Falcon Stadium.

“These veteran Airmen have stepped forward to provide a great send-off for the thousand-plus grad-

uates of our Class of 2013,” said Academy Superintendent Lt. Gen. Mike Gould. “Their appearance over our graduation events tied our future Air Force leaders with our proud and storied aviation heritage.”

Traditionally, the Academy’s graduation ceremony flyover is performed by the Air Force Thunderbirds Air Demonstration Squadron, while other Air Force aircraft use training

funds to perform flyovers for graduation parade events, but budget shortfalls due to sequestration led to the cancellation of all Air Force aerial demonstrations for the remainder of the fiscal year, including the Thunderbirds’ scheduled appearance in Colorado Springs.

To fill the void, several aviation organizations volunteered their services, at no cost to the government, to

provide flyovers for Academy graduation events.

“Every American should be proud of the philanthropic support provided by all our volunteer aviators,” Gould said. “They understand the nature of our national budget challenges and showed their patriotic spirit by selflessly providing these meaningful tributes to Air Force Academy graduates.”

# Thank you Team USAFA!

By Lt. Gen. Mike Gould  
Academy Superintendent

Paula and I want you all to know how thrilled we are over the entire team's performance throughout the year, culminating in last week's graduation activities for the Class of 2013! Even in the midst of sequestration and all the associated hardships — civilian furloughs, hiring freezes, operational and maintenance spending cutbacks, limited deployments, and restoration and maintenance deferrals — our team kept a laser-like focus on the mission, resulting in sending 1,024 well-prepared second lieutenants into the Air Force May 29.

My stated intent going into graduation planning was not only to execute a classy series of events, but to do it with complete consciousness of costs, and that's exactly what you did. Thank you! Once again, Sue Christensen, our talented special events specialist in the Academy's Plans, Programs and Analysis Directorate, led the planning and execution of more than 25 world-class graduation week activities — a fitting tribute to the cadet graduates and their families and friends.

Most impressively was how everyone, from across all mission partners, contributed. I hesitate to begin a list for fear of leaving someone out, but there are so many dedicated team members and organizations responsible for 2013's success. We'll list a few: the faculty and staff from Dean of Faculty, the Cadet Wing, the Athletic Department, the 306th Flying Training Group, the Prep School and Headquarters Sec-



Lt. Gen. Mike and Paula Gould

tion, those who traditionally have the most direct contact with cadets, should be proud of the "product" they delivered to the Air Force last week. Our Security Forces members kept us safe and orderly throughout the week (and year!). Our medical experts, transportation professionals, communications technicians, roads and grounds artists and civil engineers all made the extra effort to ensure a flawless series of events, showcasing the Academy as the national treasure it is.

Also, the construction crews that have become part of our family over the past several years stepped up to the challenge, cleaning up their areas and making Academy sparkle despite the dust. Mitchell Hall and Arnold Hall rolled out the red carpet for formal dinners and balls supporting our cadets and their guests.

The Falcon Club, under the leadership of the recently departed Kathleen Turmelle, hosted numerous amazing events and catered to the needs of so many visitors and permanent party members. Last, but certainly not least, our Public Affairs team did an incredible job of telling the Academy's story to the nation, and our very own Association of Graduates was out in front all week, including hosting grads from the Class of '63, 2013's legacy 50-year class.

You make us proud, team! As some are able to take a (short) breather before the inprocessing of 2017, please know how much we appreciate your commitment to the Academy's mission! Thanks!

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## Academy's Facebook hits 100k fans

Academy Spirit Staff

The Air Force Academy Official Facebook page reached 100,000 fans May 25-27, a remarkable achievement for the page since its creation in 2009.

"We are so excited and thankful for our fanbase," said Staff Sgt. Heather Stanton, the Academy's social media manager. "We try to put out the best products so everyone can see what is going on here at the Academy."

The Academy Facebook page is

the second biggest official Facebook page throughout the Air Force, and has been the main communication outlet for posting Air Force Academy news, photos, videos and announcements to fans and followers across the globe.

"Facebook grew so fast because we keep our followers informed on current Academy news," said David Cannon, director of communications for the Academy. "We strive to engage our followers, provide up-to-the-minute news, squash rumors and answer questions."

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"We are always striving to improve and make the Facebook page even better, so if you have any suggestions, please contact us and give us feedback," Stanton said.

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## Commissary officials plan for furlough

### Academy's commissary to be closed Mondays, Tuesdays

By Kevin Robinson  
Defense Commissary Agency

**FORT LEE, Va.** — Most military commissaries will close one day a week, on Mondays, between July 8 and Sept. 30 when furloughs are implemented, the Defense Commissary Agency's top official said.

"We know that any disruption in commissary operations will impact our patrons (and) we understand the tremendous burden this places on our employees, who, when furloughed, will lose 20 percent of their pay," said Joseph Jeu, DECA's director and CEO. "We determined that Monday closures would present the least pain for our patrons, employees and industry partners."

Closing commissaries on Mondays would be in addition to any other day commissaries are regularly closed. The 148 stores closed Monday would also close the next normal day of business.

The Academy's commissary on Community Center Drive is closed Monday and will close Tuesdays for the duration of the furlough, said Nancy O'Neill, a DECA public affairs specialist.

The announcement comes as DECA follows Defense Department rules related to the

automatic federal government budget reductions, known as sequestration, which began March 1.

Similar to most DOD organizations, DECA is mandated to furlough its civil service employees. Furlough notices were delivered to DECA employees between May 28 and Wednesday.

Furloughs will impact all of DECA's more than 14,000 U.S. civilian employees.

In January, the DOD released guidance to allow defense components to plan for potential budget cuts by reducing operating costs. Since then, DECA has placed a hiring freeze on outside hires, slashed official travel for nonessential events, cut non-mission-critical overtime, compensatory time and monetary awards, and cancelled the agency's May Worldwide Case Lot Sales for all commissaries.

DECA also reviewed contract services to restrict any increases and postponed all Guard and Reserve on-site sales scheduled after July 8 until further notice.

There are 247 commissaries with more than 16,000 employees operating in 13 countries and two U.S. territories.

For more information, visit [www.commissaries.com](http://www.commissaries.com).  
(Information compiled from DECA and staff reports.)

## Sequestration likely to continue into 2014

By Nick Simeone  
American Forces Press Service

**WASHINGTON (AFPS)** — Sequestration spending cuts could continue into 2014 and the impact of the deep cuts will fall disproportionately on small business, the Pentagon's top acquisition official told a Navy industry forum Monday.

"It's a reasonable possibility that we will go into 2014 with sequestration still underway," said Frank Kendall, undersecretary of defense for acquisition, technology and logistics. "A lot of things we planned on doing we won't be able to do."

Late last month, Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel told Defense Department employees he could not guarantee the budget situation would ease next year.

Kendall's comments to the 2013 Navy Opportunity Forum in Arlington, Va., come three months into a budget sequester taking \$41 billion out of the Pentagon budget this fiscal year, leading to cuts across the military in everything from operations and deployments to training and readiness.

Furloughs are set to begin in July for about 85 percent of the Defense Department's 767,000 civilian employees.

In the sequestration environment, Kendall said, the department needs



Defense Secretary  
Chuck Hagel

to be more proactive in taking care of the small businesses that contract with the military.

"The cuts we are going to experience potentially will fall on small businesses," more than on large military contractors, he said, adding that cuts in research and development worry him as well. "Potential adversaries are modernizing at a rate which makes me nervous," he told the group, which included representatives of companies that produce advanced technologies funded by Navy programs.

Kendall said the department is about to conclude its strategic choices and management review, which Hagel ordered to provide department leaders with options given the current budget environment as well as the prospect of future spending cuts.

"What would we have to do ... if we had to take \$50 billion a year out over the long term? That would be pretty devastating," Kendall said, mentioning one such scenario being considered by the review.

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# Academy's conservation efforts result in big savings

Water restrictions, Xeriscaping, synthetic turf play a part in base-wide savings

**Airman 1st Class Veronica Ward**  
Academy Spirit staff writer

Thanks to base-wide conservation efforts led by the 10th Civil Engineer Squadron, the Academy has significantly slashed its water usage and tax dollar spending.

According to Fred Williams, the 10th CES chief of operations, the Academy's water conservation effort mirrors recent restrictions approved by the Colorado Springs City Council to reduce water usage across the city by 30 percent.

"During the last five years we've made efforts to convert several areas here to synthetic grass including Falcon Stadium, the cadet varsity baseball and lacrosse fields and several smaller locations," Williams said.

Williams said the installation also cut back on sod replacement by more than 70 percent, saving the Academy more than \$34,000 on installation costs alone.

"We've also Xeriscaped the B-52 Circle Island and laid mulch down across Academy grounds," Williams said. "Xeriscape landscaping requires little to no irrigation."

Based on the cumulative savings from the Academy's conservation efforts during the last five years, Williams said he predicts the installation will save 17.8 million gallons of water valued at \$85,000 this fiscal year.

"In April and May alone, we saved almost \$200,000," said Keith Butala, the 10th CES deputy civil engineer. "We're going in the right direction to save a depleting resource."

Williams said watering hours for Academy housing are currently based on home addresses. He said potable, or treated water areas across the Academy are only watered Monday and Friday.

"Areas where sod has been replaced are irrigated more frequently," Williams said. "They fall under an alternative Colorado



Springs Utilities watering plan that allows for new plantings to be watered on a different schedule for the first 28 days after being placed in the ground."

There is no CSU-established restriction on non-potable water, he said.

"The Academy gets its non-potable water from a combination of private wells and waste water, both safe to be released into the local rivers," Williams said.

To continue safeguarding the environment and U.S. tax dollars, Williams said the Academy has restricted non-potable water usage to match the 30 percent potable water usage decrease. He said to meet this goal, the road medians, golf course, cemetery and cadet athletic fields here are only watered Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

"The wells where we get the water are pumped into four non-potable water reservoirs, three of which are actively used for irrigation storage," Williams said. "Usually by this point the water levels are down several feet, but this year they are basically at full capacity."

Williams said no other restrictions are planned for this season, unless CSU implements another phase of their current water shortage ordinance.

"That decision will be based on CSU's ability to store water for a determined amount of time and any further restrictions will be implemented according to CSU guidelines," he said.

# Libraries launch 'Have Book, Will Travel' summer program

**By Debbie Gildea**  
Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

**JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, Texas (AFNS)** – Summer is just around the corner and the Academy's Base Library will host plenty of activities to keep local children busy with the "Have Book - Will Travel!" program.

"This program is a way of encouraging a lifelong love of education and reading," said Mila Gaetano, director of the Academy Base Library. "Educators have found that children who don't read over the summer will lose what they've learned in school."

Sponsored by Air Force libraries, the program consists of activities for children, teens and adults.

"We leave no one out," Gaetano said.

Academy families can sign up June 24 for the program, which starts July 1 and ends August 10.

Participants can win prizes for reaching their reading goals, said Margie Buchanan, the Air Force Personnel Center's libraries branch chief.

"Reading is a critical skill for children and adults alike," Buchanan said. "Successful careers and lives depend on strong reading and comprehension skills, so we're committed to helping people learn to love reading early, and supporting their love of reading throughout their lives."

Base libraries throughout the Defense Department will sponsor special events and themes. All participants will establish reading goals for the program and those who meet their goals will be eligible for special prizes, Buchanan said.

"Studies indicate students who read recreationally outperform those who don't. Students read more when they can choose materials based on their own interests," she said. "Our libraries are committed to supporting lifelong learning and educational enrichment for all our families."

Registration is underway at more than 250 DOD libraries. Interested Academy families can visit the Base Library, call 333-7233 or visit [www.ila.org/dodsumread](http://www.ila.org/dodsumread).

(Information compiled from Air Force News Service and staff reports.)



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# Cadet-designed trailer could power future austere deployments

By Don Branum  
Academy Spirit staff writer

A cadet capstone project designed to build upon cadets' research in 2012 could have broad-ranging applications from powering austere bases to supplementing stateside bases' power grids, instructors in the Computer and Electrical Engineering Department said May 22.

The project, a solar- and wind-powered all-terrain trailer called SWATT, hooks up to a cadet-built electric dune buggy made last year and can provide a full charge of energy to the vehicle to other appliances.

"This is actually one of the better capstones that I've seen over the past several years," said Al Mundy, an instructor in the department. "The cadets' learning curve never stopped growing throughout the entire two semesters."

The cadets who worked on the project graduated May 29. They are now-2nd Lts. Ben Baumann, Wes Cobb, Ryan Decarlis, Zane Dydasco, Alexandra Goodwin, Justin Juedemann, Stephen Katrein and William Petersen.

The trailer has roughly 200 cubic feet of space. Inside sits an 18-kilowatt-hour battery array that can power the vehicle or any device that can plug into a 110-volt wall outlet. The trailer can be charged via a wall outlet, a set of solar panels or a portable wind turbine designed by Class of 2010 cadets.

"They're not as fast as charging with the wall, but over the course of an eight-hour day or a 10-hour day, you can do relatively well," Mundy said.

A netbook computer plugged into the system monitors the battery level and ambient temperature, explained Dr. Tobi Moser, an exchange instructor from Germany.

"When they are full, it will shut off the charg-

ing system," Moser said. "You can deploy it somewhere, attach the solar panel and attach the wind turbine, and the rest will be done by the battery management system."

A cellphone hooked into the system allows it to send a text message in response to a query or if the temperature inside the trailer gets too hot, Mundy said.

The system is scalable, Mundy said, so a series of trailers could provide green power for a fleet of electric vehicles or replace the fuel bladders now ubiquitous in deployed environments.

"One of the things we'd like to do is have this be a modular part of deployed operation micro grids, i.e., plug it into the micro grid, and it helps offset diesel cost," said Lt. Col. Andrew Laffely, the department's assistant professor. "But this is a prototype, and we still have some work to do."

In the meantime, the green energy research has helped inspire interest in science, technology, engineering and mathematics, Laffely said.

"We are all focused on making our projects available to the public: going to public schools, supporting tours here ... to raise awareness of STEM, especially with school-age children," he said. "I think over the last year we've had more than 500 students from the local area have some sort of hands-on project with our lab and the vehicle staff."

In addition, the cadets who worked on the project will have more in-depth knowledge of future years' energy projects, Mundy said.

"I think this kind of project's really helped prepare them for when they're out there ... and



DON BRANUM  
Al Mundy (right) and Dr. Tobi Moser open up a solar- and wind-powered charging station at the Air Force Academy May 24. The charging station, built by cadets for their capstone course, provides portable power at both 110 and 220 volts.

the boss says, 'I need someone to talk to this electric vehicle company and have a clue what they're talking about,'" he said. "These are the kinds of things that they're going to be seeing in the next 20 years."

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1. Hiking path

6. Swiss river

10. Amorphous mass

14. Eastern spindle tree

15. A cheap rundown hotel

17. Oath of office day

19. The bill in a restaurant

20. Religious transgression

21. More lucid

22. Vietnamese offensive

23. Chief magistrate of Venice

24. Turfs

26. Copyread

29. Game using 32 cards

31. Largest society for technology advancement

32. Mrs. Nixon

34. Drunken bum (slang)

35. Times assigned to

37. Labor organizer Eugene

38. Come into the possession of

39. Carbamide

40. Affirmative!

41. Feudal bondman

43. Without (French)

45. Emits a continuous droning sound

46. Use diligently

47. A moving crowd

49. Extinct flightless bird of New Zealand

50. Sirius Satellite Radio (abbr.)

53. Mailing packet

57. Female shopping assistant

58. Dog & wolf genus

59. Opposite of beginnings

60. South by east

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CLUES DOWN

1. Foolishly annoying person

2. Type of genus of the Ranidae

3. Whale ship captain

4. An informal debt instrument

5. Piece of a felled tree

6. Arabic demon (var. sp.)

7. Actor Ladd

8. Decay

9. Programmes

10. Hat tied under the chin

11. Methaqualone pill (slang)

12. Ocean Search and Rescue

13. Turkish title of

16. Submarine sandwich

18. An objects functions

22. Touchdown

23. Judge or consider

24. \_\_\_ Claus

25. Word element meaning ear

27. Fencing swords

28. Song: Aba \_\_\_

respect

Honeymoon

29. Standard wire gauge

30. Capital of Ukraine

31. George Gershwin's brother

33. Thyroid-stimulating hormone

35. Horse trainer's shackle

36. Soft-finned fishes

37. Internet infrastructure

39. Sieze without right

42. Dishonors

43. Speaks a slavonic language

44. Egyptian pharaoh

46. Small breed of horse

47. "\_\_\_ the Man" Musical

48. Forest land (British)

49. Italian municipality

50. Japanese entertainment firm

51. Slovenian mountain

52. 20th Hebrew letter

53. Point midway between S and SE

54. Tap gently

55. European money

56. Research workplace

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Solution on page 15

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# Cadet earns Schulte character award

By Amber Baillie  
Academy Spirit staff writer

A senior from Cadet Squadron 30 and native of Lancaster, Pa., was awarded the 1st Lt. Roslyn Schulte Cadet Character and Leadership Award during a ceremony at McDermott Library May 28.

Cadet 1st Class Esther Willett received a gold and silver medallion for her outstanding contributions to the Academy's Center for Character and Leadership Development at the fourth annual CCLD 1st Lt. Roslyn Schulte Cadet Awards and Recognition Ceremony. Five other cadet nominees were also recognized for demonstrating a character of leadership and spirit of service as exemplified by Lt. Roslyn Schulte, a 2006 Academy graduate killed by a roadside bomb near Kabul, Afghanistan, in 2009.

"I feel really honored," said Cadet 1st Class Maria Phillips, a nominee. "I didn't know Lieutenant Schulte personally but I know that she served and gave the ultimate sacrifice, as well as exemplified the character that I think every cadet should strive to be."

Cadet Willett's accomplishments include: serving as the Academy's Wing Character noncommissioned officer, helping cadets serve more than 37,000 hours in the local community, creating the CCLD's Food for Thought program, and devoting 40 hours to planning and developing curriculum for the CCLD's High School Leadership Invitational.

"Roz embraced her role as servant leader whether as a cadet, lacrosse captain, or active duty Airman for the U.S. Air Force," said Capt.

Erin Boone, Schulte's former squad mate and friend. "She eclipsed the high-set expectations around her and was a mentor to her subordinates, peers and superiors. She was a leader of character and today we recognize six graduates from the Class of 2013 who embodied those qualities."

Attendees included the Academy's superintendent, commandant of cadets, dean of the faculty, Schulte's parents and families of the nominees. Academy instructors who knew Schulte as a cadet shared their personal reflections to remember her legacy.

"I think the idea of character is enriched by compassion," said Frances Pilch, a professor in the Academy's Political Science Department. "Roslyn had compassion in tremendous abundance. I think this is an integral thing that I hope our nominees will remember as they go through life. It's important to have a solid moral core, strong values, incredible integrity, but don't forget the idea of caring about the suffering of human beings here, at home and around the world."

David Sacko, a professor in the Academy's Political Science Department, met Schulte in the fall of 2004 and said she was a bright, selfless and loving individual.



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Col. Joseph Sanders III (far left) and Susie and Bob Schulte (right) present Cadet 1st Class Esther Willett with the 1st Lt. Roslyn Schulte Cadet Award for outstanding character and leadership during a ceremony at the Academy's McDermott Library May 28.

"Her and some other students from my political science course had been to my house and met my German shepherd," Sacko said. "When I unexpectedly had to put her down, Roz and another students sent flowers to my house and I no longer felt alone. Roz reached out from wherever she was and gave me a hug when I needed it. One of my reflections of her is love, because that is what I saw and felt Roz bring to those around her."

Schulte is the Academy's first female graduate killed in action. The award is endowed by Schulte's parents and friends, aims to honor her memory and be presented to a first class cadet who embodies the qualities that made Schulte an exceptional leader.

The 2013 1st Lt. Roslyn L. Schulte Award nominees include Cadets 1st Class Chancellor Johnstone, Jessica Wong, Esther Willett, Christopher Knutson, Maria Phillips and Nicholas Santoro.

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# AF secretary to Class of 2013: 'Next chapter of your story begins today'

**RIGHT:** Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley gives the 2013 graduation commencement speech May 29 at Falcon Stadium.

**BELOW:** Two new Air Force officers finish their time at the Academy by pinning-on their new 2nd lieutenant bars at the end of the 2013 graduation ceremony at Falcon Stadium.

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## Graduation

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and decades ahead.

"The Air Force is changing rapidly, and you will have a front-row seat. You can adapt to new realities without clinging to the baggage of the past," Donley continued. "You will take cyber capabilities to a level that our generation cannot imagine. Whatever the future may bring, we have no doubt that you and your fellow Airmen are up to this challenge."

Donley encouraged the graduates to rely on mentorship not just from senior officers but also from NCOs.

"Find a (good) senior NCO, buy him a cup of coffee and soak in his wisdom," Donley said. "Our NCO corps is the envy of militaries around the world. Your relationships with senior NCOs will help you more rapidly gain the leadership experience you need to ensure mission success at all levels."

However, graduates must also strive to uphold the Air Force core values and their oaths of office, Donley said. He charged them to help improve the Air Force's culture and climate.

"Our reputation is at risk by irresponsible and even criminal behavior in our ranks," Donley said. "Sexual assault is an affront to our core values. ... You're aware of Air Force efforts to deter it, to encourage reporting, to support victims and to hold perpetrators accountable. This is your Air Force, and changing behavior depends on changing, at every level, the climate and culture in which we live, both on and off duty."

Graduates' oaths of office give them a common ground with every other military officer, the secretary said.

"For as long as you serve, this oath will also bind you together: with generations before you who have worn our nation's cloth and sacrificed their personal comfort and even their lives in defense of freedom. It

will bind you in the challenges this nation has faced together, and it will bind you to the security and future defense of our nation."

Every Airman has a story, Donley said. Cadets' stories started when they first became inspired to serve, and commencement marks the beginning of a new chapter in that story.

"Know that we are very proud of you," he said. "Our leadership team is committed to your success, and there is no Air Force leader, past or present, who does not envy each of you. Now is the time to write a story that lives your dream. Write a story that upholds the core values. Write a story that fulfills your oath of office. Write a story that takes ... this experience and does something great for our Air Force."

The Class of 2013 graduation ceremony included the dedication of a plaque to the late Dr. Dean Wilson, who for 33 years served as the Academy's registrar.

Wilson "was a pillar to this institution," said Academy Superintendent Lt. Gen. Mike Gould. "He was a tremendous leader and a compassionate mentor to so many. ... He will be greatly missed."

Each graduate shook hands with Donley after receiving their diploma.

"What stood out to me was when I shook Mr. Donley's hand and he said, 'Earn this,'" Cadet 1st Class William Lawlor said. "I want to continue to work hard from here and go on to be a fighter pilot."

Cadet 1st Class David Alvarado said he's still adjusting to the accomplishment and looking forward to the career that will follow.

"It still hasn't sunk in that I'm done," Alvarado said. "It feels good to get my degree. It's nice, concrete evidence of my four challenging years. It's only the beginning of what we graduates are going into (the Air Force)."



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**LEFT:** A 2013 graduate expresses his joy at the end of 2013 graduation ceremony May 29. An estimated 28,000 friends and family members attended the event.

**BELOW CENTER:** Academy Superintendent Lt. Gen. Mike Gould congratulates a new 2nd lieutenant at the 2013 graduation ceremony.

**BELOW:** Cadets sit during the Academy's 2013 graduation ceremony before receiving their diplomas.

# Academy's vice superintendent to retire

By Airman 1st Class Veronica Ward  
Academy Spirit staff writer

After serving in the Air Force for 30 years, the Academy's vice superintendent will officially retire June 30.

Col. Tamra Rank, a 1983 Academy graduate, is a pilot by trade. She began her Air Force career as a T-38 Talon instructor pilot at Reese Air Force Base, Texas.

"Flying airplanes for the Air Force is a remarkable experience," she said. "You go to so many places and meet so many people while accomplishing important missions. It felt as if I was never really going to work."

Rank spent 2006 in Canberra, Australia, where she focused on Strategic Studies of the Pacific Region at Australian War College as part of her senior developmental education. She says it was a fabulous opportunity, both personally and professionally. Her classmates included 45 students from 22 different nations.



Col. Tamra Rank

have a positive impact on her fellow Airmen.

According to one Academy leader, the colonel did just that.

"Colonel Rank will be remembered for her mission focus, no-nonsense approach to issues, her genuine concern and compassion for all the Academy's Airmen, and her platform for responsible stewardship of the Academy's resources," said

Although she had no specific goals in mind as her career progressed, Rank said commanding the 48th Flying Training Squadron at Columbus AFB, Miss., was a highlight because of the direct impact she had on future Air Force leaders. Rank said she has been motivated by her strong desire to contribute to the Air Force every day and

Gail Colvin, director of staff. "Her leadership positively impacted every aspect of the Academy and as the vice superintendent, skillfully led it through many of the challenges."

Rank has served at the Academy since 2010 and feels as though she has come full circle here, she said.

"I'm thankful for the Academy," Rank said. "It gave me my Air Force career so it has been nice to give something back. I plan to give back to the Academy as a civilian as well. The Academy gave me another part of my family."

As her official retirement looms on the near horizon, Rank is looking back on her three decades of service, the Airmen she served with, and the opportunities an Air Force career provided her, she said.

"It has been amazing," she said. "People in the Air Force are top quality and that's what has kept me in and kept me going."

The colonel's retirement ceremony is scheduled for 3 p.m. today at Doolittle Hall.

## Outgoing 10th ABW commander reflects on 2-year tenure

By Don Branum  
Academy Spirit staff writer

The outgoing 10th Air Base Wing commander, Col. Tim Gibson, will relinquish the wing guidon during a change-of-command ceremony at the headquarters building Monday at 10:10 a.m.

I spoke with Gibson Wednesday to get his thoughts about the events of his two-year tenure and about the people who've made the wing's mission possible.

**Q: It's been an interesting two years.**

**A:** It has, yep.

**Q: What do you feel are some of the highlights?**

**A:** Oh, the highlights. I think, even from the beginning, right when I took command, we had some pretty significant highlights. (We) in-processed the Class of 2015 and had a norovirus outbreak during Basic Cadet Training that affected some 300 members of the Cadet Wing and staff, so that was pretty significant.

I recall vividly Aug. 19, 2011, when we had a wildfire that started north of the Air Force Academy. It wasn't going to affect us at all, but because of the way the smoke was blowing, folks from Colorado Springs thought the fire might be affecting the Academy.

That was nothing more than a precursor to the Waldo Canyon Fire, which was obviously such a huge event for us — remarkably significant — last summer as we were bringing in the Class of 2016 (see last year's story at <http://1.usa.gov/MvpUXz>).

It was kind of a crazy, crazy series of summer events. And the pace never slows here during the academic year, either. We've always got a number of events going on, whether it's sporting events or academic distinctions or parades or any other number of cadet activities.

**Q: Is there anything you're particularly proud of having had the people here accomplish?**

**A:** Absolutely. We've had a number of folks step up in a lot of ways that maybe you don't get a lot of recognition, and you don't see a

lot of public impact, but without their support, the mission would come grinding to a halt. We've had folks — when we have inclement weather forecasts, for example, we'll have folks who will volunteer to spend the night at Mitchell Hall, the dining facility, just to make sure that there's somebody on staff the next morning for the cadets to have a hot breakfast, without actually having to travel in to do their jobs.

I'm also proud of the number of decisions that folks had to make, very independently in many cases, during the Waldo Canyon evacuation.

The Equestrian Center made some terrific decisions that were in the best interests of the animals. We got those animals evacuated well before we thought we would have to evacuate the housing areas or anything along those lines, repositioning some of our heavy equipment like buses to protect those items from smoke damage.

I saw terrific work throughout, and there's no playbook for those kinds of decisions. It's just leaders recognizing what needs to get done and figuring out how to make it work in the best interests of the mission overall.

We saw some great initiatives out of our transportation section, where we were able to leverage an Air Force process to upgrade our fleet of buses that we use to support our cadet activities. It ended up not costing the Air Force Academy anything in order to get some terrific new equipment in.

On the medical side, we've set records the last two years with regard to how efficiently we're using our operating rooms. For example, we've actually reduced the number of ORs, but we've increased the throughput of patients that we're seeing, and we're maintaining our standards of success as a result.

So we're still every bit as effective, but we're much more efficient. Our



Col. Tim Gibson

(10th) Medical Group leads the local multi-service market, which involves all the military treatment facilities in Colorado Springs, so their impact is directly felt at Fort Carson and Peterson (Air Force Base). So it's amazing how much we have the ability to influence here.

**Q: The Air Force Academy overall has a good relationship with the local community. How does the wing play into that?**

**A:** One of our major touch points is the Medical Group, because we've got a lot of relationships with Memorial Hospital and Penrose, and we participate in a number of health care initiatives.

Other touch points include our fire department, our security forces with the local police, both El Paso County and Colorado Springs — we're doing training events with them. For example, our most recent exercise, we had their hostage negotiators and their SWAT team out, so there's just those opportunities to interact, learn from each other, build relationships that then, should we ever need to rely on, we've got that already squared away.

And again, the Waldo Canyon Fire is a terrific example of where we had tremendous support from fire departments in the local area. Our firefighters were doing point defense down along Highway 24 initially ... and then were the first firefighters to be fighting fires in the Peregrine neighborhood.

When we needed to evacuate the base and had people heading south, El Paso County actually blocked the southbound lanes of (Interstate) 25 so our folks could get right onto the highway without any traffic backups whatsoever and get where they needed to go, so those relationships are absolutely invaluable.

**Q: Where are you headed next?**

**A:** I'm heading to the Pentagon. I'll be working in the Operations and Plans Directorate of the Air Staff.

**Q: What will you miss most about your command here?**

**A:** Oh, boy. I think what I'll miss the most is watching our people succeed with tough challenges. We see that all the time, whether it's some of the initiatives in the health care arena where we're trying to become more efficient, or whether it's pulling off cadet graduation and making it look absolutely seamless to moms and dads and cadets. You realize that in the background that there's months of planning and weeks of sweat equity invested.

... To pull all that off takes everybody's A-game, and it is fun to watch everybody bring their A-game.

**Q: What are you looking forward to at your next assignment?**

**A:** Talking to folks who are there now, I understand it's a very interesting time to be working in the building, and that's not too surprising given the pressures that all the services are under with sequestration. We're certainly facing some challenges in the sexual assault and prevention arena. There are some real key issues that we're having to address.

But the Pentagon is a fascinating work environment. There's so much going on there, but it is the very (most strategic) initiatives that are facing our Department of Defense and our nation. So being a part of the staff that's working that from the Air Force perspective is something that I'm excited about.

And my family and I enjoyed the D.C. area last time we were there, so we're looking forward to getting back in some regards.

**Q: Maybe not the traffic.**

**A:** Maybe not the traffic, maybe not the work hours, but ... just that whole area.

**Q: Sir, that's all I've got. Anything else you wanted to add?**

**A:** It was a good two years. It was a privilege to serve. It really was. I don't know whether I'll ever have another command, I don't know that I'll ever have the opportunity to come back to the Academy beyond as a guest or for a reunion, but it was certainly a privilege to be here during this timeframe.

## 22 Academy NCOs selected for master sgt.

A total of 22 NCOs here were selected for promotion to master sergeant and induction into the senior NCO corps, Academy officials announced May 23.

"I welcome these Airmen into the senior NCO corps," said Chief Master Sgt. Stephen Ludwig, the Academy's command chief. "It's a big step in your careers. Your responsibilities will increase and more will be expected of you but the rewards and camaraderie you will experience are endless. I know you will all do great things for the Academy and for the Air Force."



The Academy's selection rate of 31.9 percent significantly exceeds the Air Force-wide selection rate of 18.7 percent, according to statistics from the Academy's Personnel Directorate.

The average score for those selected was 350.21, based on an average enlisted performance report score of 133.85, promotion fitness examination score of 82.76 and specialty knowledge test score of 68.43. Selectees' average time in grade and time in service was 4.38 years and 15.27 years, respectively.

### Academy NCOs selected for promotion to master sergeant:

- Sedquwick Bell, Commandant of Cadets Staff
- Timothy Blake, Air Force Academy Band
- Jerry Cherubin, 10th Medical Support Squadron
- Steven Conard, Cadet Squadron 05
- Michael Delforge, Financial Management Directorate
- Emily Gazzaway, Commandant of Cadets Staff
- Dustin Johnson, 10th Communications Squadron
- Kelly Kinder, 10th Surgical Operations Squadron
- Zachary Marshall, 3rd Maintenance Squadron, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska
- David McCormick, Air Force Academy Band
- Robin McWhirter, Staff Judge Advocate Office
- Damien Pierce, Manpower and Personnel Directorate

- Zarcarius Presha, 10th Medical Operations Squadron
- Marc Ramey Jr., 10th Communications Squadron
- Ginger Sanchez, 10th Medical Support Squadron
- Annette Santos-Barnes, Superintendent Staff
- William Shaffner, 792nd Intelligence Support Squadron, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii
- Jason Shores, 10th Security Forces Squadron
- Laura Small, Cadet Squadron 26
- John Stephens, 10th Medical Support Squadron
- Phillip Stewart, 10th Communications Squadron
- Roger Stewart, Cadet Squadron 15
- Danielle Turner, Commandant of Cadets Human Relations
- Michael Van Arsdale, Air Force Academy Band

## Officers sought for attache duty

*Applications must be submitted by June 20*

By Debbie Gildea  
Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

**JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, Texas** — Active duty Air Force senior captains, majors and lieutenant colonels interested in attache duty could find themselves on an international affairs team in Switzerland, Venezuela, Burma and other countries.

The Air Force Personnel Center, the Secretary of the Air Force and the International Affairs office are accepting applications for senior defense official/defense attache, air attache and assistant air attache duty at nine locations, with tour lengths ranging from 18 to 24 months, said Maj. Carl Wood, AFPC International Affairs Assignments.

"Attaches officially represent the secretary of defense, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, secretary of the Air Force and Air Force chief of staff to the host country defense ministry," Wood said. "They help build and sustain relationships between the U.S. and host country, provide critical advice to the U.S. ambassador and country team, and directly support our efforts to fight global terrorism."

Officers interested in the program must email their applications to AFPC and Air Force International Affairs at [afpc.dpaos@us.af.mil](mailto:afpc.dpaos@us.af.mil) and [saf.iapa@pentagon.af.mil](mailto:saf.iapa@pentagon.af.mil) by June 20.

This year, two duty locations have C-12 aircraft assigned, so the attache for those offices must be fixed-wing pilots. Only rated officers who are regional or political affairs strategists may apply for the C-12 positions, the major said.

Air operations background, foreign language skills and experience in the region are highly desired, but not mandatory.


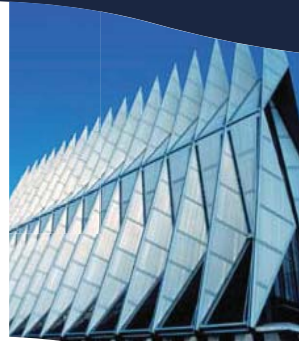

Applicants must have taken the Defense Language Aptitude Battery test, and each applicant and all immediate family members must be U.S. citizens. Candidates must also have their assignment functional manager's hard-copy or email release to compete for attache duty.

Applicants selected for an interview will be notified by July 25. They (and their spouses, if applicable) will be interviewed in Washington, D.C.

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# 2013 Graduates Speak out

Senior cadets reflect on their journey from cadet to second lieutenant

Graduating cadets jump in the fountain in the Air Gardens on the Terrazzo May 14. Senior cadets eagerly anticipate jumping in the fountain to signify the completion of their final exams. This is the only occasion jumping in the fountain is allowed.

By Airman 1st Class Veronica Ward • Academy Spirit staff writer



**Q:** How was your Academy experience?

**A:** “Life-changing, to say the least. Coming from the small island of Trinidad and Tobago, this was a big change from what I was accustomed to culturally, militarily and academically. As frustrating and tiring as it was, I feel as though the experience developed me holistically and now I have the confidence to perform any task that is presented to me.”

- 2nd Lt. Jerell Alexander



**Q:** How has your Academy experience affected you as a person?

**A:** “I’ve grown a lot. I’ve been here five years, including prep school, but now I’m moving on (as a contracting officer). I’m excited; this is surreal!”

- 2nd Lt. Kyle Robinson



**Q:** Where will you be assigned as a new 2nd lieutenant?

**A:** “I am going into the Office of Special Investigations and will be stationed at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii. It’s going to be a great assignment and I’m grateful for the opportunity that has been given to me. I couldn’t have done it without all of my classmates and leadership. Nobody makes it through here alone; it’s your brothers and sisters in your class, along with your leadership, that helps you excel and finish here.”

- 2nd Lt. Daniel Zotto



**Q:** You’ve finished your finals, but you’re waiting to jump in the fountain. Why the wait?

**A:** “Our friend finishes her last final this afternoon. We started freshman year together and we are all jumping together.”

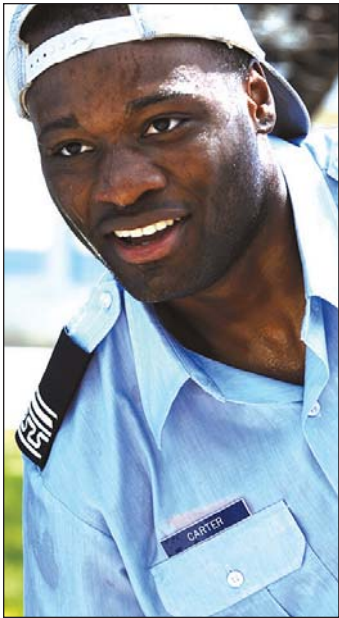
- 2nd Lt. Adah Frankovic



**Q:** How would you sum up how you are feeling right now?

**A:** “Freedom!”

- 2nd Lt. Stephan Atrice



**Q:** How was your Academy experience and what are your thoughts on graduation?

**A:** “I’m excited that the longest five years of my life are so close to being done. The experience as a whole definitely helped me grow and learn a lot about myself. I am looking forward to finally putting what I’ve learned here at the Academy to work. The practice that I had from positions held here will hopefully serve as a stepping stone for building my leadership style.”

- 2nd Lt. Cecilio Carter

## 7 lacrosse athletes make ECAC All-Academic Team



U.S. AIR FORCE PHOTO

Senior Pat Harrison is a three-time Eastern College Athletic Conference All-Academic Lacrosse Team honoree.

By **Melissa McKeown**  
Academy Athletics Communications Office

**CENTERVILLE, Mass.** — Seven Air Force players were named to the 2013 Eastern College Athletic Conference Lacrosse League All-Academic Team May 30.

In all, 82 athletes from the league's eight teams earned a

spot on this year's academic all-conference team.

To be selected to the team, student-athletes must maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.3 or better throughout the completion of the most recently finished academic term.

Representing Air Force on this year's team were seniors

Pat Harrison and Dan Schonfeld, juniors Michael Curran and Matt Scott and freshmen Brett Dadiago, Matthew Duenes and Doug Gouchoe.

Harrison is a three-time all-academic team honoree, while Curran earns his second selection to the team.

For more information, visit [www.goairforcefalcons.com](http://www.goairforcefalcons.com).

## Golfer Westmoreland ties for 22nd place at U.S. Open qualifier

By **Jerry Cross**  
Academy Athletics Communications Office

Academy senior Kyle Westmoreland tied for 22nd place at the U.S. Open Golf Sectional Qualifying Monday at the Lakewood Country Club in Dallas.

Westmoreland shot a two-under-par 69 in the first round and fired a two-over-par 73 in the second to finish with an even-par total of 142.

The top four finishers from the field of 68 advance to next week's U.S. Open at Merion Golf Club in Ardmore, Pa.

Westmoreland made the turn at two-under par Monday morning after birdies at No. 1 and 9, then bogeyed No. 12 and 13 to move back to even par. He finished his round with a birdie at 17 and 18. Westmoreland was tied for seventh place after the first round with 1997 British Open champion Justin Leonard and three others.

Westmoreland could not get things rolling in the second round, posting three bogeys and just one birdie. He finished one shot behind Leonard and tied with Scott Verplank, who has recorded a top 10 finish at each of the four major tournaments.

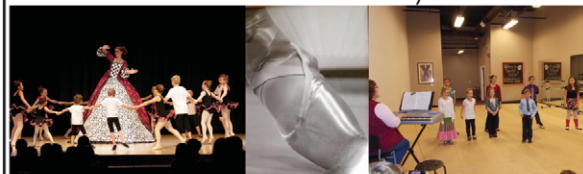
There were 11 sectional sites in the U.S. Monday. Played over 36 holes in one day, sectional qualifying is a test of skill and endurance, with only a handful of available spots at each site. The number of qualifying spots is determined by the quality and quantity of the field at each location.

The U.S.-based event is known as "golf's longest day."

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## A&FRC Events

Academy members may register for the events listed below by calling 333-3444.

**Disabled American Medical Records Review:** 8 a.m.-4 p.m., today to June 21, by appointment only. Service members within 180 days of retirement or separation may participate. Attendees must pre-register.

**Resume Writing Workshop:** 9 a.m.-noon, June 26. An effective resume can open the door to new opportunities.

## Senior NCO orientation, induction

A senior NCO orientation course to assist Academy master sergeant-selects transition into their new role as senior NCOs is 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., July 29-Aug. 2 at the Airman and Family Readiness Center.

The course is mandatory for all new master sergeants and will culminate in a senior NCO induction ceremony, 5:30 p.m., Aug. 2 at the Falcon Club.

The cost to attend the induction ceremony will be released in July.

For more information, call 333-9389 or 333-1734.

## Eagle Peak, Stanley Canyon reopen

Eagle Peak and Stanley Canyon Trails have reopened, following their closure due to investigations in the wake of the 2012 Waldo Canyon Fire.

Blodgett Peak remains closed until further notice and remains off-limits for all recreational

activities.

For more information, call 333-3308.

## Academy Recycle Center relocates

The Academy Recycling Center has moved to the southwest side of the Main Exchange parking lot.

For more information, call 333-3224.

## Vacation Bible School volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed for Ecumenical Vacation Bible School, 5:30-7:30 p.m., June 10-14.

VBS registration began in April; children 4 years old through fifth grade are invited.

To volunteer, call 333-3300.

## Road repair projects underway

**June 24-July 8:** Asphalt repair, North Gate Boulevard between the Santa Fe Trail and Stadium Boulevard.

**Mid-June through mid-July:** Curb and gutter replacement, Pine Drive between West Pine Loop and the 10th Medical Group Clinic.

For more information, call 333-6756.

## Youth Fire Safety Camp

The annual Youth Fire Safety Camp for children ages 8-12 is June 25 at Fire Station 1 on Pine Drive.

The camp will feature fire extinguisher training, fire vehicle and equipment displays, fire prevention/education materiel and a lunch.

Those attending should bring a towel and wear clothing that can get wet.

For more information or to RSVP, call 333-2051.

## Expeditionary Survival, Evasion Training

Numerous cadets are taking the ESET course and may be seen in forested areas on Academy Grounds, alongside base roads, or carrying weapons at any hour of the day or night.

Academy members are asked to use discretion in reporting these cadets as "suspicious individuals" to the 10th Security Forces Squadron.

## Critical Days of Summer safety tips

The Critical Days of Summer campaign began May 27.

According to Air Force Safety Center statistics, since 2002 the Air Force has experienced more than 200 fatalities during the Critical Days of Summer.

Remembering the following tips can help us all have a safe summer:

**Driving Safety:** Wear a seat belt, do not drive while tired or distracted, map your route, take frequent breaks and do not drink and drive.

**Motorcycles:** Wear all personal protective

equipment as mandated by Air Force Instruction 91-207, ride within your limits and obey the rules of the road.

**Boating:** Check all equipment before leaving shore, wear a life vest, take a boating safety class and do not swim or drive a boat after drinking.

**Outdoor cooking:** Use lighter fluid, not gasoline; move the grill away from the home and overhang, always monitor the grill, keep children and pets away and let coals cool before disposal.

**Camping:** Check your camping gear before leaving, camp only in approved areas, make sure someone not with you knows where you are and use caution when starting fires.

## Network Security responsibilities

Air Force guidance prohibits various activities and devices, including establishing modem connections, installing peer-to-peer or personal proxy, voice-over Internet Protocol software, network devices such as hubs, routers, personal computers, gaming consoles, etc., not specifically authorized by the 10th Communications Squadron.

Air Force Manual 33-152, "User Responsibilities and Guidance for Information Systems," and AFMAN 33-282, "Computer Security," provide specific guidance on prohibited activities and unauthorized personal devices.

Commanders, in accordance with Defense Department 5200.2-R and DOD Personnel Security Program guidance, weigh individual instances of prohibited network activity when making classified information access determinations and continued security clearance eligibility decisions.

For more information, contact your unit security manager or call the 10th CS Help Desk at 333-4357.

## Cadet Sponsor Program

Class of 2017 cadets need sponsors to build a professional mentoring relationship and provide a home away from home for cadets.

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For more information, visit [www.usafa.edu/cadetFocus/cadetSponsor](http://www.usafa.edu/cadetFocus/cadetSponsor) or call 333-2727.

## Air Force Sergeants Association

Air Force Sergeants Association Falcon Chapter 1180 invites all cadets, retirees and active-duty service members to participate in a 5k run/walk at the Parcourse every third Wednesday following the monthly AFSA meetings, 3:30 p.m. at the Falcon Club.

For more information, call 333-8999.



## Cadet Chapel

### BUDDHIST

Sundays, 11 a.m.; Thursdays, 6:20 p.m.

### PROTESTANT

Traditional/Contemporary: Sundays, 10 a.m.

### CATHOLIC

Mass: Sundays, 10 a.m.

Confession: 9:15-9:45 a.m.

### JEWISH

Next service open to public will be August 9

### MUSLIM

Next service open to public will be August 9

## Community Center Chapel

### CATHOLIC WORSHIP

Mass: Saturdays, 4 p.m.; Sundays, 9 a.m.; Tuesdays-Fridays, 11:30 a.m.

Reconciliation: Saturdays, 3:30 p.m.

Formation Classes: For students in grades K-8. Sundays, 10:15-11:30 a.m.

### PROTESTANT WORSHIP

Evangelical: Sunday, 10:15 a.m.

Gospel: Sunday, 11:30 a.m.

### PROTESTANT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sundays, 9 a.m.

## Instagram photo of the week



User @nbelinski sent in this photo of first day soaring at the Academy, saying "We knocked out four flights!"

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